

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1, 5-7, 10-15 and 17 are pending in this application. It is gratefully acknowledged that Claim 17 is allowed and Claims 4, 5 and 9-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2-4, 8 and 9 have been cancelled.

The Examiner has objected to Claim 4 because of the informalities. Claim 4 has been cancelled without prejudice. Withdrawal of objection is respectfully requested.

In the present Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Lai et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0035097) and Claims 3, 8 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lai et al.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection to Claims 3 and 4 under §112 be withdrawn.

As indicated above, independent Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled Claims 2 and 3 and allowable Claim 4. Also, independent Claim 7 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled Claim 8 and allowable Claim 9. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1, 2, 6 and 7, Claim 6 depends from Claim 1 and should also be allowable based on that dependency. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection to Claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 under §102(b) be withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 3, 8 and 15, Claims 8 and 15 depend from Claims 1 and 7, respectively and should also be allowable based on that dependency.

Claim 3 has been cancelled. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection to the dependent Claims 3, 8 and 15 under §103(a) be withdrawn.

In accordance with the finding of allowable subject matter in Claims 4, 5 and 9-14, all of the pending claims, i.e., 1, 5-7, 10-15 and 17, are believed to be in condition for allowance and issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned if there are any questions regarding this communication.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicant's attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-4054.

Respectfully submitted,

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